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St. James's, April 18.

THE following humble Petition of the Mayor, Bayliffs, Burgeſſes, Commonalty, &c. of Poole, has been preſented to His Majeſty by Dennis Bond, Eſq; Member of Parliament, introduced by the Right Honourable James Craggs, Eſq; one of His Majeſty's Principal Secretaries of State.

Dread Sovereign,

WE your Majeſty's moſt dutiful and faithful Subjects the Mayor, Bayliffs, Burgeſſes, and Commonalty of your ancient and loyal Corporation, Town and County of Poole, and the ſeveral Maſters, Owners, and Proprietors of Ships uſing the Newfoundland, Portugal and Spaniſh Trade, being deeply ſenſible of the tender Regard your Majeſty has on all Occaſions ſhewn to diſtreſſed Mankind in general, and in a more eminent Manner when the Intereſt of your Subjects and Cry of our afflicted Proteſtant Brethren in many Parts of the World reached your ſacred Ear, and felt the Influence of your Power and Compaſſion, emboldens us humbly to implore your Majeſty to caſt a pitying Eye on our fellow Chriſtians your Liege Subjects now in a ſlaviſh Captivity in Salle, Mecquinez, and other Parts of the Empire of Morocco. And that the like Misfortunes may be prevented from falling on us and our Poſterity, if you ſhall in your great Wiſdom think it not proper to conclude a Peace with them, we beg you would be pleaſed to ſecure the Perſons and Trade of your Subjects from being made a Prey to theſe mercileſs Tyrants, by appointing a ſufficient Number of Cruizers to be always ſtationed off Salle, and not to depart thence till relieved by others your Majeſty's Ships of War; which would not only protect and ſecure our Trade from the Salle Rovers, but guard us from the Pirates that infeſt the African Coaſt and Canary Iſlands; which has already much injured, and will, if not prevented, be very deſtructive to our Trade, not only to Spain, but Portugal; which is very conſiderable from theſe Weſtern Ports, in the Newfoundland and Pilchard Fiſhery, as well as Woollen Manufacture. And that ſuch Cruizers as your Majeſty ſhall in your great Goodneſs direct to guard ſuch Coaſt, may have its intended Effect, we pray your Majeſty would reſtrain your Ships of War from Trading and carrying Freights, which not only puts them out of a ſailing Poſture and Defence, but is very injurious to ſuch Ships as depend entirely on the ſame.

And your Petitioners (as in Duty bound) ſhall ever pray, &c.

Which Petition His Majeſty was pleaſed to accept very graciouſly.

Berne, April 17. A Company being become vacant in one of the Regiments of this Canton in the States General's Service, our Sovereign Council aſſembled on the 10th Inſtant to diſpoſe of it according to the Tenour of the Capitulation made ſome Years ago between the two Republicks, by which this Canton reſerves to it ſelf the Choice of their Officers. A Captain-Lieutenant of the ſame Regiment was accordingly choſen in the Room of the deceaſed, and a Letter written to the States General to acquaint them therewith, and to recommend to them the Payment of the Arrears due to their Officers. The Deputies, who went laſt Week to Arberg on the part of this State, to confer with thoſe of Soleurre and Fribourg about adjuſting ſeveral Matters of Trade and Commerce, whereof theſe Cantons had complained, are returned hither after having executed that Commiſſion, and will make their Report to the Sovereign Council in a few Days. M. Steiguer, a Senator or Member of the Little Council here, died yeſterday Morning of an Apoplexy.

Algier, Jan. 12. On the 8th Inſtant Mr. Charles Hudſon receiv'd His Britannick Majeſty's Commiſſion, conſtituting him Conſul here. On the 9th he had Audience of the Dey, who took that Occaſion to aſſure him he would faithfully maintain the good Correſpondence and Friendſhip between the two Nations, purſuant to the Treaties. M. Dufault, who came hither about three Months ago, in the Quality of Envoy from the Court of France, ſailed the 11th Inſtant for Tunis, in order to endeavour the accommodating of ſome Differences there. He could not obtain the Demands he made here, which were, 1. The Reſtitution of two French Veſſels taken by the Algerines, and their Cargoes of conſiderable Value, which were condemned and ſold for Want of proper Paſſes. 2. The Freedom of 122 Spaniſh Soldiers, with Reſtitution of their Effects; they were brought in here in a French Tartan, and are detained by Way of Repriſal for 170 Turks and Moors who imbarked here on a French Ship for Alexandria about three Years ago, and were caſt away and made Slaves in Sicily. He brought a Letter, and a Preſent of conſiderable Value from the French King, for the Dey and his principal Officers; beſides 30 Slaves who were diſcharged from the Gallies at Marſeilles: In return, the Dey gave four French Slaves and five Horſes. The ſaid Envoy during his Stay here, purchaſed the Liberty of 30 French Slaves from private Perſons; and four French Fryars who came with him, redeemed 70 Slaves moſtly Germans and Dutch.

Lisbon,